

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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CORPORATION COMMISSION

FIXED UTILITIES

1. **Title and its heading:** 14, Public Service Corporations; Corporations and Associations; Securities Regulation
Chapter and its heading: 2, Corporation Commission - Fixed Utilities
Articles and their headings: 1, General Provisions
2, Electric Utilities
16, Retail Electric Competition
Section numbers: R14-2-203, R14-2-204, R14-2-208, R14-2-209, R14-2-210, R14-2-211, R14-2-1601, R14-2-1603, R14-2-1604, R14-2-1605, R14-2-1606, R14-2-1607, R14-2-1608, R14-2-1609, R14-2-1610, R14-2-1611, R14-2-1612, R14-2-1613, R14-2-1614, R14-2-1615, R14-2-1616, R14-2-1617, and R14-2-1618
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**

The proposed rules are revisions to Articles 2 and 16 of the Arizona Administrative Code and, taken together, provide the details needed by stakeholders to arrange their affairs in preparation for implementation of the retail electric competition beginning in January 1999. The rules are designed to allow consumers to select the entity from whom to purchase various services and to allow electric providers to reach customers who until now have never had the opportunity for such choice.

These revisions were adopted by the Commission on an emergency basis because the safe, efficient, and reliable provision of electric service during the transition period to full competition is in the public interest. Because notice and participation were impracticable at the time of adoption of the emergency rules and because the rules also govern the structure and processes of retail electric competition beyond January 1, 1999, the Commission is filing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to allow for wide public participation and comment before adopting the rules on a final basis.

The agency docket number, if applicable:
RE-00000C-94-0165
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 4 A.A.R. 2368, September 4, 1998.
Notice of Emergency Rulemaking: 4 A.A.R. 2393, September 4, 1998.
4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom a person may communicate regarding the rule:**

Name: Ray T. Williamson, Acting Director, Utilities Division
Address: Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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5. **The time during which written submission may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

Although comments in this matter will be taken through October 8, 1998, companies or other interested persons are requested to file written comments on or before 4 p.m. on September 18, 1998. Companies or other interested persons (including the Utilities Division Staff) are requested to file written comments on or before 4 p.m. on October 2, 1998, in response to those comments filed on or before September 18, 1998.

Date: October 7, 1998
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Hearing Room
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Nature: Oral Proceeding
Date: October 8, 1998
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Commission Hearing Room 222
400 W. Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701
Nature: Oral Proceeding

6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:

It is anticipated that the proposed rules will be adopted by the Commission at a regularly scheduled or special Open Meeting. The time and place of the meeting will be announced in a formal Public Notice, as required by law.